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Amendment of Section 73.202(b)	)	MM Docket No. 97-196
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FM Broadcast Stations	)	
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(La Fayette, Georgia)	)	
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To: Chief, Allocations Branch

**COMMENTS**

Radix Broadcasting, Inc. ("Radix"), hereby submits its Comments in support of the Petition for Rule Making to amend the Commission's Table of FM Allotments to delete Channel 298A at La Fayette, Georgia, filed by Tennessee Instructional Radio ("TIR"). As further discussed below, Radix, the sole applicant for Channel 298A at La Fayette, does not object to the requested deletion.

1. Radix filed its application for authority to construct and operate a new FM radio station on Channel 298A at La Fayette, Georgia, on March 4, 1992 (File No. BPH-920304MH). As the Commission is aware, the initial transmitter site proposed in Radix's application was denied approval by the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA"). The basis for the FAA's refusal to approve the site was its conclusion that the proposed facility would cause potentially harmful interference to air navigation due to electromagnetic interference. Radix filed an amendment to its application on December 21, 1992, proposing a different transmitter location. However, that site was also denied FAA approval due to potential interference concerns.

2. Radix has reviewed the Petition for Rule Making and Supplement thereto, filed by TIR, requesting that the Commission delete Channel 298A. TIR's Petition makes clear that there is no transmitter site from which to operate a new FM station on Channel 298A that would comply with the minimum separation requirements of the Commission's Rules, still provide city grade coverage to La Fayette, and that would receive FAA approval.

3. Radix supports the Petition for Rule Making filed by TIR. Because of the difficulties that it has encountered in attempting to initiate a new FM service on Channel 298A at La Fayette, Georgia, and the apparent unwillingness of the FAA to modify its position regarding the potential interference issues, Radix has no objection to the proposed deletion of the channel. Further, Radix understands that concurrently with the deletion of Channel 298A, the Commission will dismiss its application for the allotment at La Fayette. Radix does not object to the Commission proceeding in this manner.

Respectfully submitted,

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I, Rich Gwyn, on behalf of Radix Broadcasting, Inc., do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of these "Comments" was sent this 24th day of October, 1997, by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

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